Letters -1

12/1/75 Taylor to Lesar. Remits to my requests
Says "there never were any other suspects" MURKIN reports 400 in first two weeks
"a great number of ballistics tests performed on rifles other than the one owned by Mr. Ray."
FBI told us otherwise and that the lab papers listing these other rifles were listed only because the calibres are similar
Asks that I write and agree to pay unspecified costs ~~unde~~ as specified in 28 CFR ~~§~~16.9 (a)(6) "This requires providing me with an estimate and specifying the installment asked.
Kelley 5/11/75 does say I was assessed some search fees
5/28/76 Kelley - in a memo attached 4 pages for [illegible] that were entirely unnecessary. There were other instances of this ridiculed by the judge but they were never replaced
7/2/76 Kelley assured all my requests were being processed with others in order of their receipt. This refers to JFK requests going back to 1965. As of today they have not been responded to. Repeated appeals to Shea 8/10/76
8/1/76 to FOI/FBI I request proof of Time, Inc. copyright. Never provided
·11/76 I wrote Shea about unjustified withholdings by obliteration and asked that they be justified, citing the judge and even a letter of Director Kelley. These continued. Wiseman said "I'll see you in court first". Not one was then explained nor has been since. Even on lab reports I asked for a review

4/8/68 #253 Artists sketch "has rejected by "the rooming house witnesses" "suggesting" "a possibility as has been previously considered that there may will be two people involved in this murder"

300 - 4/10/68 FBI got calls made from pay phone near Alverto's, traced, withheld names under 7C

327 - See compliance notes on what is reported, lab etc. It began work at 5:16 a.m. - but withheld results until 4/18!

432 - tested .243 rifle for recent firing although could not be fired.

448 Rosen, re Lohmeyer notes "it is (a very) unusual name ... appears likely that he is acquainted with someone named Lohmeyer... It is very likely that this is not subject's actual name" 4/10/68

432 4/10/68 - .243 tested. No report until 4/10? Samples in lab 4/5 early a.m.
See 174, Jensen to Conrad 4/5/68 - Mangum at [illegible] Shop impossible make ID on slug - 3 lab confirmations.

After 514, before 526 4/11/68 from Atlanta. On [illegible] any shoes too small for Ray, 7-8½, size 34 shorts

526 see also 686 Impressions lifted from Galt letter to apartment house manager in LA shows names "Ray," "Galt" and "Riley" TT dated 4/13/68

535 4/12/68 found Calif criminal record for Harvey Edward Lohmeyer, check other records begun.

557 LA learned of Galt change address to Gen D'ly Atlanta, phoned Atl. mail there. 4/12/68

4/10/68 - Id. Div report on your prints from flop house

4/8/68 beer traced to Southhaven [illegible] Shop, see #650

570 4/15/68 forward specimens from Garners Room 6

592 4/11/68 B'ham report to Ray at Cherpes' Economy Rooming House 8/26-10/7/67

609 Heavily worked on phone calls from B'ham rooming house when Ray was there

628 4/9/68 B'ham TT says Galt" answered demand for [tank] box ... from Baton Rouge." No date given (often placed at 12/13/67, when Ray supposedly in LA) see 640 - no forwarding address left at B'ham.

630 4/9/68 Check of Oliver Rep. at Southhaven nega-tive for day of check, 4/3/68. He was there 4/2

668 4/13/68 located Jay ~~Wallace~~ Wallis Vernon who ID'ed Ray clothes. Ray gave forwarding address for a month and a half and a cutoff period.
Ray got about a letter a week

682 4/13/68 MFO finally interviewed firemen, police, Sheriff at firehouse. Meaningless account of activities - not telling thoroughly story
Says crimescene ~~[illegible]~~ guarded & ? witnesses begun in 2 to 8 minutes (not true)

686 (see also ~~[illegible]~~ 526) Chi TT 4/13/68 reflects question-ing Sue Harris Flitheid (Ray & Katz wrinkle?) about knowing a Ray or a Riley in LA

693 4/15/68 N.O. TT re Galt "The phone bears the number" 523-8802, spelled out re call period 12/17-19/67.

708 Atl TT 4/15/68 5:50 a.m. has Ray checking back in 4/5 & staying to 4/9. This followed questioning of Garner night of early a.m. of 15th. Mail postmarked 4/1 there for Ray, 2 letters, package postmarked 4/1/68.

720 4/11 - B'ham reports on phone calls from pay phone near room. house. Names matched & [illegible] called On day Ray checked in cab picked fare up at 2909 Highland, delivered to 2200 block, near [illegible]

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725 4/11/68 Mx City Legat forwards picture, name mashed. Check re: "tramp" & sketch copies to B'ham, Mps.

Vol 7 754 Cable to Legats Bonn, Paris, London, Mx Cy re calls Galt "slayer" as of 4/13/68 — before lab reports are dated.

808 — check crime scene sketches — two witnesses looking at rear bldg from Main St & saw no sign of shot coming from there but FBI concludes McCullough makes good impression and would say NW direction

907 Cabbie Charles Stephens in Atl picks one of Ray's description up near where it left any abandoned, at about the right time for it to have been Ray, & trip to G'hound station. Rpt dated 4/12/68
see 1021 below
add to memo on Ray

approx 931-2 4/5/68 — window open "approximately three inches" If not in separate files add to them on crime investigation & actualities — my pix & Lowe's

971 — Note N.O. check of rooming house & apts from 500 block Napoleon Ave to St. Charles — for no apparent reason — none in these N.O. files provided

1021 4/16/68 Atl TT — Piedmont Laundry about 300 ft from Garner's. Ray left laundry 4/1, picked up 4/5, about 9 a.m. — see 907 above, which this seems to rule out.

Re above — Add to Ray memo — he lied vigorously that he returned to Atl from B'ham. But he did. Why lie? Rendez vous? Easier to have gone to Mps from B'ham & had laundry done in Mps

4) vol 9.

1062 4/13/68 re: Eric St.V. Galt in "latest Toronto city and telephone directories" - but add. withheld.

1085 4/11/68 LA TT - Puerto Vallarta guide said "Man who killed Dr King was staying at Four Winds Motel"

1117 4/14/68 LA TT - Stein directed Ray to Provincial Motel

vol 10 1256 4/17/68 lab reports include targets of test firing - told there had been none when I asked for results

not recorded 4/19/68 - first authority at con for a "Wanted" flyer "for subject ERIC STARVO GALT" & heading "Civil Rights - Conspiracy" add to aliases, etc

vol 11, vol 12 1444 - KC TT 4/17/68 re Galt ~~at~~ and addresses 507 Chestnut St. (there is one in N.O. and on N.O. map that was marked up)

1575 not until 4/19 did charges filed against Ray in
see 1706 B'ham, Did Bureau TT B'ham & NYO by ID of Ray's prints on stated objects, all sent earlier & no truck to compare with those on rifle scope, etc. TT follows phone call & informs it

vol 13 1647 4/08/68 ~~[illegible]~~ Avalon Cleaners, LA, ID'ed laundry mark on shirt from Mustang as customer Galt, who also had shirts done there 12/67

1706 4/17/68 Rosen to DeLoach. Ray Canadian rental records show Eric S Galt at 507 Chestnut, K.C. see 1444 Bldg in KC torn down several years ago in construction of a freeway

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Vol 14 In 18, 2124 is interview with night— Harvey Edward Lohmeyer in OF 4/23/68. If not in separate file, copy it

19 2167 Some prisoners quoted on Ray as potentially dangerous (Prisoners said almost any thing, a fairly large number offering phoney story for special consideration). Here one says Ray had nervous breakdown—false

2184 Sympathetic—long article by prisoner who knew Ray, says he was framed on the Pen charge & other references to him after sentencing.

(In this section there is the beginning of a number of Bureau directives saying that Ray is the assassin but that leads should be followed if they could point to others with him—conspiring with him the assassin

2243 The FBI was not satisfied with its ~~time~~ interviews with John Ray so it decided to put him out of business (and did). "Efforts being directed toward developing liquor permit violation to serve as lever to force cooperation"

20-2322 Hester report 4/8-17/68
Interviews with witnesses have Stephens contradicting Stephens & various ones contradicting each other. They were, many of them, drunks or otherwise not useful as witnesses. Virtually no support for official account of crime?
Firearms section: no interview of McC for a week even though the FBI planned to use him to say shot from the bathroom window? He

says he smelled gunpowder. From 200 ft
away – the shot from inside a bldg?
(If most see [illegible] place also not
from flophouse & from bushes area)
No reference to Invaders presence eg motel
& protection. No interview with Kyles &
many others – not one of press – by this date – 2
weeks after crime.
Canipe use records (pp 67 ff) Has Canipe
[illegible] [illegible] which he denies. Parts of
Bernell Finley's story impossible, as is a share of
Julius L Graham's. But Graham's story
is consistent with pkg dropped before shot.
Fire station: Ghormley not interviewed for
12 days? Report then rearranged to make it
appear that he took longer to get to pkg at Canipes
Doing so before Dollahite. Fire dept play
broadcast by Ghormley but transcript of
Sheriff's log not given to establish time.
Ghormley says he discovered pkg in "no
more than" 2-3 minutes
Dollahite fols: If report not specify make it,
for details for use in writing file for what he
does say (parking lot large area in which
anyone could hide) to the impossible account
that has him, not Ghormley, finding the pkg.
FBI ~~[illegible]~~ engaged in covering up. He also not
int interviewed until 4/11?
(black)
~~[illegible]~~ For writing file copies of Chas. E. Stone, Geo
W. Loenneke, Barney Wright, Wm B. King, Wm. B. Gross, &
"others in vicinity and present at Jim's Grill" on Apr. etc

Stone heard shot from pkg lot ~~[illegible]~~ Loenneke has [illegible]
running to his left, went to Main St, says no Mustang
or anyone running, Wright – 4 minutes after, King – [illegible]
on MLK, shot from his left. Gross – park lot gate open.

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pp 162-70 Under Physical evidence Description crime scene pt by homicide & other MPD none obliterating those taken 4/5 begin with no 31 Check 31 & 32 on [illegible] house & fixtures removed.

21-2323 p 65 - Ray attracting attention to charges by personal habits not consistent with experienced criminal expecting to pull big job. Nor is his letter opening bank safe box. p 86
88 Ray surrendered keys from BR when Ray in LA
2324-44 pp Man seen leaving Mustang not Ray [illegible], not [illegible]
30-3 No indication condition tires windows leaks or flat.
41. Ray got laundry not much after 9 am 4/5/68. Left it 4/31. Ray tell me he was not in Atlanta 4/31.
65 Check to see if Ray search check pay job
109 Negative results check all campsites on pickup Capitol Homes project area. How did Ray leave there?
22 2325 L.A. Report (7c only)

23 2403 Atlanta differing. Secret officer Wm [illegible] 3/29 AP story said King returning to Memphis for next week 3/30 - in "3 or 4 days" 4/1 - going there Tuesday, n 4/2
~~2435~~ note dates & correlate with Ray's movements
4/29 story 4/29 goes to B'ham to get rifle, etc
2438 Withholds in Scott noted at 623 Royal St. (name) refers to Candlelight Inn, N.O. while withholding any details not in other reports

24-2454 R Curtis "pathological liar and always has been"

25-26 = 2634 all Mpls Report 4/30/68. They admit a white Mustang was seen in front of Jim's Grill and "should not be confused with Ray!" Cover page C - add to Minute file
Synopsis claims no single person ID'd Ray from pix add to writing file if not there. Stephens no 5, Anschutz at 6, etc. 19 ff is [illegible] at a near Lorraine Motel

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Account King afternoon 4/3 begins 20. Phones Levison at Wachtel

ff31-6 Registration at Lorraine. No travelers identified no telefile ~~[illegible]~~

37-43 Kyles affidavit interviewed 4/23. Important. In it the FBI's version (38) he said shot not from flophouse but from bushes - also noted in Hdqs or memo ff / + was standing 4-5 minutes)

(42) 44 ff Invaders not ID'd as Invaders

Jim's Grill 48-ff Jowers interviewed 4/5 but omitted from earlier reports to Wash & earlier Report (48-9)

need copies of these — How he parked

E gap + Sausage man is Gerry Pearson ~~[illegible]~~ Crawford of Jackson Tenn. - he was released when it "was determined" "Marke" had no part in the murder...

Whole series of others follow on cars:

50-1 Gilbert Stephen Wuffles Car at Lorraine Jimmy Walker's

52-3 David M. Wood Must had no hub caps (check AI/pix)

54 Kenneth M Foster also no hub caps

56 Paul Sandy Gargas

57-8 Barry Elford Tubbs

59-60 Billy Ray Hoard

62-3 James A Walker, Jr

64-5 Frank Holt

66-7 William Zenie Reed

68-9 Ray Alvis Hendrix

70ff Medical information

75-7 Duplicate Ray drivers licence mailed to 2608 S. High Way & not returned to Motor Vehicle off. So how did Ray, then in California, get it? w/o someone or Chipper knowing where he was - someone

27,28 2710 is one of series of close watch on Jerry Ray.
2725 particularly notes a black bag [illegible]

29 2766,7 - On phone calls on LA-NO tip. 2787, One ~~tipst~~ La.
2791 Prisoner says Ray has prison friend from Baton Rouge
30,31 Series of tart hand notes by Hoover on tip records

32 3150 FBI to study all Ian Fleming. This says how they got copies & what would not do to get [illegible]

Study first several, pp 3150-3200

33 3282 To Legat, Ottawa on (belated) check Canadian flights. If this had been done Ray would not have gotten away

34 all Serial 3333 St. Louis Report - use as commentary on 1 no by FBI? (My 3/16/77 to JL) 36 pp released with 62 pp not accounted for but with held, need for Vaughn v Rosen inventory esp because of existing reasons to believe all real withholding is to hide what the FBI did
More on pressures on all Rays - even to getting John's tavern license revoked.

35-3334,3335 Chicago Report - blanket exemption claims impossible to check, 171 pp. VHR inventory?

36 3339 Memphis asked on 5/10 that Canada Legat check passports & available connecting flights to Rhodesia. This is second such recommendation overall. If followed Ray would have been caught before he could have left Canada

37,38-3486 Rifle was fired by FBI, whether or not it for firing. Scope not set properly. Targets saved. Frazier's initials. At 205 ft. shot about 3" to right. Copy for writing file if not done

39-all 3503 ~~K~~ KC report. Blanket Claims to 62 [illegible]
Include psychiatric evaluation Ray at Mo Pen. Most prisoners, guards considered him not assassin type

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40 3504 On [illegible] case, well known I knew w/o looking up. How secret is the police finding of a body of a gangster? [illegible] "NP" exemption

3515 - Ref. to CIA

3211 [illegible] at Provincial Motel at same time gave phoney Miami name & address. Car licence belongs to another

3525 Referred to State

3540 Check section & note extensive masking

3552 Ref. to NSA

41 3557 LA Report of 178 pp - claims D2, 7C+D, 2 pp ref. to USPO

3509 10 - Ref to AG, claim 7C+D (see also 3763) When finally provided it was request for "[illegible]" "after" "[illegible]" "surveillance of Pepper, [illegible] & Grafe, [illegible] Tavern. Previously withheld Rosen to De Loach of 5/9 recommended it [illegible] - to [illegible] "tensions" on national security! 3763 reflects knowledge it was unlawful & [illegible] & certain to lead to a successful suit by the Peppers if discovered - and possibly to prevent successful Ray prosecution. Exemption claims of [illegible] real reason - FBI embarrassment!

more 41 - 128 pp on the Mark [illegible]

42 3562 - Ref to CIA

3574 - Ref to State

43 - all 3627 Atlanta report 50 pp blanket claim to 7C+D

44 3634 - Ref to State

Extensive use 7C, i.e. 3760, 29 pp. 28 with help 7C+D (from Legat Ottawa) 2d p. [illegible], everything it was left is 7C and but 2 on next page

3657 - all withheld in entirety

This section illustrates the amount of totally wasted work by the FBI in withholding phoney

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statistics by checking out every [illegible];
all nutty suggestions another of myths
The phony story given to the LA Times. This
became a high-level FBI project and a
mega one

45 all 3762 M.O. Report 5/17/68, 121 pp. released. Claim 7C+D
for all 121 pp in worksheet

46 3785 Ref to CIA
See note on 3767, B'ham Report [illegible],
on ludicrous investigations - use as sample
By the end of May FBI desperation shows.
Memphis Murkin suggests some investigation
in countries to which Ray may have gone
would be appropriate. First each Bureau
checked out locksmithing courses, firms
selling sex literature - checked all
Ray had done in past in hope he'd
repeat it - But he didn't. He'd fled.

47 See typed note on 3873 for writing, - Inv. Ray's
racism -

48 3918-9 FBI knew Ray could get the Pen and King reps. It
warned all to shut up about this. In following
Serials probably including 3932, there is much
withheld about what Judge [illegible] said about
Ray / Mo. Pen file
The entire section is more proof the FBI was
getting nowhere in the flopping case

49 is all 3987, Springfield Report of 220 pp of which 2 are
withheld. Blanket claim to 7C & D only
No way of knowing what pp. withheld or why

50 4011 is beginning of J C Hardin & calls to Ray at LA. On this
the file reflect what is hardly a real investigation.
withholding on J.C. Hardin's and aliases [illegible] to now

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4028 If there was a need to mask the name of the Tulsa woman visited by Edgar Eugene Bradley he disseminated the Well & the boxes by using her name in public & prior to this date—re Garrison

3997 6 of 7 pp from Legat Ottawa withheld, claim to 7C+D

51 4132 first record of Mounties first Sneyd passport 6/2/68

52 all 4143 Memphis 6/5/68 report. Blanket claim to C+D. Name of Ray's female ~~temp~~ temporary companion, well publicized, & she even filed lawsuits. Also there also is reference to what is not in earlier reports (pg 7) This is also true re Dr. Mark Freeman, pp 16-17.

53 4217 Ray had correct family data on Sneyd. From newspaper account of his birth? (Big mystery—no single record on it)

54 4301 - Copy of not in extradition file - Illegal interest in it?
4324 - Details on 2/68 prostitution - this on Bridgman

55 4351 On JC Hardin ID—sketch prepared

4242—initialed same day captured 4400 Vinson needlessly antagonized British by insisting on personal inspection of jail security.
Throughout this section are records reflecting FBI contempt for DJ & its lawyers & their needs, esp Pollak

4419 eg to Pollak. Did DJ provide?
This one shows that an envelope was mailed to Ray from Toronto, without a return address

CRD did not provide It also shows that misleading & false Stephens affidavit taken by DJ attorney
No investigation of mailing to Ray reflected

4426 Magistrate Milton let everyone know in advance what he would do re extradition

totally Missing is anything on Ray's apprehension—Section goes to two days after arrest but does not even show how U.K. told

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56 a11 4441 KC report. Worksheet shows no exemption claims: Any withholding?

57 4447 Illustration of FBI arrogance, contempt even for AG. DeLoach hung up on AG in discussion of press release of which Clark had said he had not been "cut in".

4454 Ray had correct biographical data on Paul Edward Bridgeman, even father's middle initial & mother's maiden name. [illegible] Sneyd in 4316

up [illegible] picture like the typed notes

4459 Holloman retired from FBI 7/17/64

58 4559 Memo & letter to Pollak not attached. Says FBI giving CRD everything - CRD compliance does not indicate this

4539 [illegible] says it's practice to send lab reports to OO

4531 FBI reveals O'Leary's Reader's Digest article. Hoover overrides concern for fair trial. In illustrious match - deleted.

59 4584 Indicates surveillance Ray began in England soon as arrested

4591 Contents Ray's wallet never provided

4595 quote of Jerry Ray, "This is his business. I didn't ask him..." in response to question, did Jimmy do it, can be indicative that he had seen Jimmy after King ass. Date is 6/6, two days before [illegible] in England. Other reasons to question what Huie attributes to Marjorie Fetters.

4616 In effect says what Ray was charged with in B'ham not an extraditable offense

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62 63
61 64 —— 4746 - ask for un-masked index to this NO report
60 65 - 4883, 4884, 4886 - Hoover's tight control even over details of transporting
Ray, which he, personally, had to approve - and did, while ridi-
culing massive agency of his subordinates. 4897 - Legat London
(Minnick) advised not to talk to Vinson, Asst AG Criminal
Division, "Right" Hoover noted
66 4907 is list of Ray property. Check for contents of wallet +
"LEA" card.
4948 finally checking unidentified prints with latents
in National Unidentified Latents File "should
have been done before this date 7/26/68, 3½ months
after crime
4961 - Lot confirms Ray's prints Fulham bank job
67 5001 Hides from Hq that Ray's jail doctor is prosecutor's
brother-in-law.
68 5030 + many others. Mystery men at Wm Len hotel
dismissed as suspects because they were not Ray!
5035 Ray applied for full-time job in Canada 5/23/68
5036 Two civil Rights complaints against Judge Battle
In one he disregarded an illegal extradition -
as he did with Ray.
5074 Canale subject Civil Rights complaints. Was
graduate FBI Academy. Both had asked
FBI about police corruption in Memphis
5094 False CB blast attributed to Edward Le Monte
- Montedonico, Jr. Includes police transcript.
69 5110 5114 Shows the FBI controlled what DJ lawyers could know.
5131 MFO recommends against investigating Ray's Indian
Trail employment + his pay helping arrest, with Rays, in
Canada 5743, Buffalo picked up on pay including arrest.
5154 Origin of $100,000 story known [illegible] con of
story made up to get a business loan
5151, 5158, 5159 5160 - The real Wm Bradford Huie stands up -
offers FBI all he got from Ray - before trial 5162
FBI had much of it from Sheriff ~~[illegible]~~ see 5166, too,
for a fake onto Ray

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70 First sections on what Huie was up to, inaccurately to J.B. Stoner, attributed to McMillan

5193 Indications of ELSUR, mail interceptions, Stoner/Ray

5196 has copies Ray intercepted legal mail w/Stoner & Jerry Ltr 9/12 clear indication Jimmy trying to arrange for Foreman 9/68, not for first time in November

5198 Jimmy's 9/24 to Jerry on changing counsel, getting Foreman

5202 Sheriff & even judge gave FBI samples Jimmy's writing – Canale worried over legalities 5205 is more on interceptions & use of them also 5209, 5212 5227, 5228

71 More serious unconstitutional violations, including ElSur request civil rights groups, 5235, unrecorded after 5237 5241, 5242, 5267

72 Rights – 5327, 5328

73 5386 – more Ray surveillance

5387 important one on Redditt story – & OPR had it.

74 75 On Huie – 5455, 5456

5302 has a "Rayns" register rec at B'ham Granada Hotel 8/27

76 5510 – question claim to b1 on phoney: old stuff at this late date

Note importance of sudden use of b1 in 1169, with b2 when the correlation is not with the crime & its investigation but with the delay in the trial and plea & formidable counsel, Foreman – and after Foreman copping a plea from him.

By the time of reach 5522 it is apparent that the b1 claim relates to SCLC, which is phoney now if the paranoia was then taken seriously

abo 5533 5527 – Redditt. Story well known. No basis any withhold from this first ~~[illegible]~~ record, by date.

5549 5558 5565 5539ff [illegible] – how Stein got number is 5540

5546 More on Huie

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77 5582 Huie told Dwyer, Canale, Beasley & Carlisle there should be ~~not~~ no trial! DJ knew this & was silent—ever in helping Huie with his aid of writ. hrg. Also Foreman wanted out

5600 Possible funny business on copying plea. Judge told FBI 3/7/69

5602 G.I. Div. says Ray does not agree that there was no conspiracy.

5606 Windowsill — markings on sill at repr. microscope marks
Foreman, not Ray, on [illegible] draft — Wallace stuff out

5622 Ray's rights — FBI persisted in talking to him over his objections

78 5629 Huie & tramp pix

5630 Foreman told FBI he never discussed facts of case with Ray — which is what Ray told us.

5631 More McFerren

5636 Eastland

5648 On way to Nashville Ray said he regretted guilty plea

Unn. after" Sought advance copy Huie book

5655 FBI had Ray's letter to Battle before judge saw it

5660 King's party refused police protection, 4/3/68

79 5705 Agent made Phila SCLC. Also 5724, 1967

5723 Esquivel, Huie on Raoul mtgs, August from checks on Esquivel only. Ray in N.O. 12/67

5731 I believe I know this informer & that he worked on Lesar & me. I ask for a check on this & on informer operations as an informer that ~~have~~ are no legitimate FBI or federal interest and not connected with any law enforcement purpose. I date this ~~[illegible]~~ broadly to within past year. Nothing of this nature provided under PA requests

80 5798 Gov. McNallan tells FBI he meant Stoner in his Sat. Eve. Post piece of 1962

5802 See earlier one — lost of & about Ray's property when he was captured

5805 Huie offers copy of book ms

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81 5817 ff Long discussion plans to sponsor favorable books, etc, & disagreements, including on legal action.
5818 "approximately 400 suspects" in 1st 11 days. Wiseman? Bureau pictures it did Mounties' work o the [illegible] in 5819
5828 Hanes on conspiracy of left. 5829, 5842, 5843
5834 First of ISD citations of my 1969 visit, later FOIA
5835 Invaluable refusal to reply FOIA requests
5837 Typing denied by one not competent to make any.
5838 all typed notes
5841 718-70 - see 5876, 5887-8

Here is a good point to lay out all refusal to comply re what we asked for in this case, their substitution & PA-give [illegible] And note that with my [illegible] at least I told FBI months ago

82 5854 FBI still wants a book praising [illegible]. CRD likes idea
5858 McRae gives FBI non-threatening letter
5876 more on 718-70
5877 on how they use perjury - Atlanta black bag job & Hitt's false affidavit. Who can ever believe them.
83 5887-8 more on my 718-70
5894 On McMillan
5921 FBI say Stephens info of no value
84 5938ff McMillan. Rich through 5946 & typed notes
5947 Beginning "cliff" story 6015
5957 Gaines story
5966 ff On me & [illegible] hrg. FBI gave status & [illegible] out dates of planned records.
5974 & 5984 5985 B Watson 42 ff state & confession fabrication
85 5990ff On Horn, CRD, etc
Unread after 6007 - Elsur request on Grapevine 12/4/75
6009, 6016 FBI leaked [illegible] material to Newsom, NYT? Got complaint
unread after 6011 - Chicago file inventory, 19 pp. check with what we got
6024 Beginning of series of provocative report of actual offer of $25,000 in Atlanta, to kill King, unconfirmed. 3 wks before it happened Roughly when Ray started back

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86 Opens with more on Atlanta trust of 3 who before were. "Ralph" unrecorded after 6060 is on first of Les Payne's stories, cannot have been intended to mislead Hq (as of 2/2/76) but undoubtedly did make misleading record for FBI Hq flash in Dept - even assuming this MFO TT is the literal truth. Says it had only 5 "extremist" informants, (a dubious if not prejudicial description of the civil rights movement and the black clergy) one in Invaders.

It does not say the MFO used PSIs, CI & PCIs and had full access to all the MPDs & their work.

see below "Confessions" ~~[illegible]~~ That SCLC use of Invaders as parade marshals & attributes this to "sources available to" MFO. Like its own old files. And those of Hq. And how many "sources" did it have? Many.

When the FBI generates this kind of record can its word ever be taken? This was after this case was in court.

6079 on 2d Les Payne story. No CRD interest. (But how big it became in OPR report!) Claims these informers not involved in the violence. Does it say he did not participate in inspiring it?

unrecorded after 6058, 6094

Now they say they had "five informants providing coverage on the Invaders". This means formal, paid, & numbered informants. They had more unpaid "sources" + the CIs & PCIs. But by their own figures this was in a ratio of 1 to 3, there then being about 15 members of the Invaders only.

The purpose becomes clear - Attached Hq. ltr.

57 Where they say violence was "instrumental" in King's return to Memphis, their record show it is only reason.

6106 on my crime photos - They cooked up phoney yarn. All the photos are referred to in HQ files. This phoney is because Wiseman swore falsely after file search & because the FBI got Dugan to tell untruth to judge

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87 more of ~~[illegible]~~ files A.H. threat. See typed notes for others on this - "Ralph".
See notes on 6112X on pix
6114 Stat. also says Ray not helped escape by guards, not merchant, invites FBI review of their files, which H.Q. tell RC not to do in 6115
6117 McMillan
6123 list WFO files ~~as 51 items~~, "nine Main volumes, 799 serials and five volumes of the sub C file (51 items.)"
~~88~~ 6125 first ref to preferential treatment King family lawyers, under FOIA. This says that Shaheen did, too. - Also 6130
88 6133 Important on Redditt, etc. 6135 in 89 - record of 11/21/68
89 says police no record he had shown sympathy for King's cause
90 6154 McMillan on my back, as was Eales in 89, and of it Lane/Evans/informer
91 6194 Baird (some in 90) also 6195, 6197, 6198, 6200, 6201, 6202 6203, 6206, 6210, 6231
6215 Lane promoting [illegible] in Atlanta
Unrecorded ~~of~~ 3/77 has Lane meeting informer through House Committee
unrec ~~[illegible]~~ of 6/2/77 - Cliff Andrews sentenced Renshaw. Also 6226, 6227, 6228, 6229, 6230
"Bulky" FBI's exhibits & architectural work went into great & elaborate detail on the unnecessary & the irrelevant, as of the flophouse rooms. There was no reason to connect with Ray, but lacked such essentials as: A sketch of the balcony on which King was standing & its angle from the street or from the flophouse. This has importance in view of the Lane fictions, esp. of the point my colleagues and I in the conjectured about the origin of the shot. No sketch showing the rifle could have fit inside the bathroom from the conjectured point at which the muzzle is conjectured to

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have left a "miraculous" mark. Especially at the conjectured angle, could a man (or a) rifle have fit the space? If so – and the answer is no – not possible – could he then have had a footing on the window? Again no, not possible, which explains the FBI's omission. If they'd [illegible] could have made the point the possibility was not lost on them. It is the certainty of impossibility only that explains the "oversight".

If the rifle had been outside the building it would have been seen.

Upon basis of all the conjectures is the theory that the [illegible] they gave the police was at the [illegible] roof of [illegible] the [illegible]. So there is no representation of the [illegible] ledge that would have prevented it, together with the [illegible] in [illegible] at at that point, away from the line of vision. Nor is this in the mockup of the scene of the crime. All the irrelevant is, like even the manufacturers data on the OV, 25 Silverliner Luminaire street lighting fixtures each of 400 watts – [illegible] relevant to nothing. These are in the topographic drawings. But the trees and shrubs are not!

The FBI's pictures of the scale model also show these "omissions".

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Section 1 Clippings file - use notes on how Southern [illegible] & FBI used press to plant idea of guilt & of having proof they did not have.

Section 3 is Bird a CT/A file 60-126974 ?
Rowan column reports FBI was feeding him stuff on Ray

Section 4 [illegible] Times series 1/11/76 ff filed here & under "Internal Security" 100-106670
Les Payne's story missing but a story from an insignificant Memphis area black weekly that criticized his stories is present. A memo said to be attached to a UPI summary report of his story also is missing. So missing also is Kelley's correspondence with him, which is elsewhere but not with the stories, and the results of a so-called investigation Kelley had made. If there are other records elsewhere in this mass not having them in these extensive clipping files make a memory hole of them

Hq Sanitation Workers file 157-9146, Serials X-X16
On 93 pp in all compared with a very large
Memphis file on this subject.

Sanitation Workers file #157-9146 Serials
~~X-X16~~, 93 pp. Dictate with key notes on
Memphis Sanitation files

Add for a use in ch. on strike summary
at top of typed notes
First dated in file is 2/16/68. By 2/20, X3, the
FBI was trying to make it a Communist deal.
It immediately became a domestic intelligence
operation the scope of which is not reflecting
in 93 pp. By X 10, 2/26/68, one agent [illegible], Lawrence,
was obtaining information from 9 obstructed
sources in the report, X10. He reports the exposure
of a Memphis undercover policeman at a
public meeting - and that he was not hurt.
This bears on the withholding of names in
a historic case on the claim of demonstrable
harm - and on the withholding of police & FBI
names in general. There are a number
of such cases of exposure & no report of any
harm in this instance.
There is a gap ~~in~~ these serials from 3/11/68
~~from~~ to 4/17/68, which skips the assassination
& what led to it. The assassination was 4/4/68
Serial numbers were started after the strike
was settled & that was in reaction to the killing.

The file is are also deficient in failing to
report why the strike was not settled prior to
the assassination. The reason would appear to
be that if the strike had been settled King
would not have been in Memphis to be
killed there.